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## GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC LIBRARIES

SCHEDULED FOR APRIL, 1965

Governor Donald S. Russell will call a Governor's Conference on Public Libraries in the spring of 1965. The Governor, who has long been interested in books and reading, will take this opportunity to focus the attention of the whole state on the public library. The conference will be sponsored by the Trustee Section of the South Carolina Library Association with the support of the Public Library Section and the S. C. State Library Board. Scheduled for Wednesday, April 28, the conference will highlight National Library Week activities in the state.

The Governor's Conference for library trustees and interested citizens is expected to crystalize public interest in and stimulate support for public libraries. It will educate trustees, citizens, and legislators to the potential of public libraries in South Carolina by answering the questions: where do we fail to meet the potential; why do we fail to meet the potential; and what must we do in order to meet the potential.

Plans for the Governor's Conference on Public Libraries are being directed by a steering committee headed by Jean Galloway, Chairman of the Trustee Section of SCLA and a trustee of the Greenville County Library. Other members of the steering committee are: Betty Callaham, secretary and conference coordinator, chairman-elect of the Public Library Section, SCLA; A. T. Graydon, Columbia, S. C.; Harry Abernathy, trustee, Chester County Free Public Library; Mrs. Hagood Bostick, librarian, Richland County Public Library; Ellen P. Chaplin, trustee, Orangeburg County Library; Mrs. Ben P. Davies, Jr., trustee, ABBE Regional Library; Mrs. Girdler B. Fitch, trustee, Charleston County Library; T. K. McDonald, trustee, Fairfield County Library; Al McNeely, Leslie Advertising Agency; Walter C. Plunkett, Jr., trustee, Aiken County Public



Library; Mrs. Clyde Rowntree, trustee, Florence County Library; Fred Sheheen, News Secretary, Executive Department, State of South Carolina; Dr. George C. Smith, trustee, Florence County Library; Estellene P. Walker, Director, S. C. State Library Board; Senator John G. West, Camden, S. C.; A. Z. F. Wood, trustee, Lancaster County Library.

#### REFERENCE WORKSHOP TO BE HELD AT FLORENCE COUNTY LIBRARY

The S. C. State Library Board will conduct a one-day reference workshop at the Florence County Library on November 6 from 9:30 until 4:30 o'clock. Twenty librarians from the Pee Dee area of the state have registered to attend.

The workshop will be tailored to the needs of pre-professional library staff members who are actively engaged in reference work. Six periods of instruction and practical exercises are scheduled in which the public library's role in providing reference service to the community, bibliographical control of materials, and the use of such reference tools and materials as indexes, encyclopedias, dictionaries, handbooks, yearbooks, almanacs, Directories, pamphlets, and government documents will be discussed.

Instructors for the workshop will be Charles H. Busha, Reference Consultant of the State Library Board, and Helen Jordan, Professional Library Assistant.

The following libraries will be represented at the workshop: Carnegie Public Library of Sumter, Darlington Public Library, Darlington County Library, Dillon County Library, Florence County Library, Hartsville Township Memorial Library, Horry County Library, Lee County Public Library, Marion Public Library, and Marlborough County Library.

#### MRS. RUSSELL OFFERS SUPPORT

In accepting the award for chairmanship of the 1964 National Library Week and agreeing to serve in this capacity again for 1965, Mrs. Donald S. Russell pledged her own and Governor Russell's support of the library program in South Carolina. She expressed their keen interest in libraries and related programs.

#### NEW SLB STAFF MEMBER

Helen L. Jordan of Columbia has joined the professional staff of the State Library Board. Miss Jordan is a 1963 graduate of Columbia College and has done graduate work at the University of South Carolina. She was a recipient of one of the State Library Board's scholarships and received her masters degree in library science from the Emory University's School of Librarianship in August 1964.



### SLB'S BUDGET REQUEST

The State Library Board is presenting a request for \$140,472 for 1965-66 to the Budget and Control Board. This is an increase of \$23,104 over the current budget.

The requested increase is based on the fact that the State has failed to increase its appropriation as the agency has grown and that the State appropriation for public library service is not in line with appropriations of local communities and grants from the Federal government.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF SCLA CONFERENCE

The first general session of the South Carolina Library Association's forty-third conference at the Francis Marion Hotel, Charleston, S. C., October 16, featured a symposium on Library Service to Students. Phyllis Maggeroli, Special Assistant to the Deputy Director, ALA, was a skillful moderator for the symposium whose members were: Miss Olivia Burwell, Director, Greensboro, N. C., Public Library; Miss Virginia McJenkin, Library Director, Fulton County Board of Education, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Archie McNeal, Director of Libraries, University of Miami; Mrs. LeRoy A. Woodward, Trustee, Atlanta, Ga., Public Library. The statements of the members of the panel and the questions and statements from the audience combined to provide practical suggestions and a positive approach to library service to students.

Mrs. Betty Martin, President, presided at the general session, the banquet, and the business meeting. At the banquet Harnett Kane, well known author and lecturer, related the trials, tribulations, and joys of an author.

Awards were presented to Mrs. Donald S. Russell, wife of South Carolina's governor and chairman of National Library Week, and to Elizabeth Welborn, Librarian, Lander College, who served as Executive Director for 1964.

Mrs. W. L. Norton, chairman of the Oconee County Library Board, received the Trustee Award. Mrs. Norton has been a member of the Oconee County Library Board since 1947 after having served on a citizens committee for the organization of a county library. She has been a member of SCLA, SELA, and ALA committees and is the 1964-65 chairman of the Trustees and Friends Section of the Southeastern Library Association. Mrs. Norton is also active in social, civic and religious affairs in her community.

Officers for 1965 were elected at the business meeting on October 17. They are: President, Susie N. McKeown, Winthrop College Library, Rock Hill; Vice-President, Josephine Crouch, ABBE Regional Library, Aiken; Secretary, Mrs. Rhetha Martin, Mc-Laurin Junior High School Librarian, Sumter; Treasurer, George R. Linder, Spartanburg County Library, Spartanburg.

Each section was polled on annual versus biennial meetings. The majority preferred biennial meetings, so the matter was referred to the Executive Committee for proper action.



### Public Library Section

Officers of the Public Library Section, SCLA, for 1965 were elected at the afternoon meeting on October 17. Betty E. Callaham, Adult Consultant, S. C. State Library Board, was elected president; Gloria Lindler, Assistant Librarian, Lexington County Library, vice-president; and Mrs. J. S. Ulmer, Jr., Librarian, Orangeburg County Library, secretary and treasurer.

The section adopted the proposed standards for South Carolina public libraries.

It was agreed that the section request and work for increased State Aid.

Olivia Burwell, Director of the Greensboro (N. C. ) Public Library, was the speaker. Miss Burwell suggested ways libraries could improve services to adults and described the varied programs conducted by the Greensboro Library.

### Trustee Section

Mrs. LeRoy A. Woodward, Trustee, Atlanta (Ga.) Public Library, addressed the trustees at their annual luncheon. Mrs. Woodward's topic was "Education and Development of the Trustee."

Section officers, Miss Jean Galloway, trustee, Greenville County Library, chairman; and Admiral Ellis Reid-Hill, chairman, Dorchester County Library Board, were re-elected.

### CONFERENCE ENDORSES PUBLIC LIBRARY STANDARDS

The Public Library Section of the South Carolina Library Association sponsored a conference on the proposed standards for S. C. Public Libraries on October 15 at the Charleston County Library.

Head librarians and 20 trustees invited by the Trustee Section, SCLA, participated in the discussions. Prior to the conference librarians were requested to discuss the standards with their staffs and trustees with their associates and to bring with them any questions which arose.

Group discussions on sections of the standards were held in the morning and afternoon. In conclusion a summary session heard reports from each group. With few dissenting votes, the standards were endorsed.

At a luncheon meeting Evelyn Day Mullen, Library Extension Specialist, Office of Education, spoke on standards adopted by other states and how these standards compared with the ALA standards.

Members of the standards committee served as consultants for the conference. Mrs. Marguerite G. Thompson is chairman of the committee. Mary Cox, Assistant Librarian,



Greenville County Library; Josephine Crouch, Director, ABBE Regional Library; Mrs. Catherine H. Lewis, Librarian, Horry County Memorial Library; Frances Reid, Extension Librarian, Spartanburg County Library; Emily Sanders, Librarian, and Margaret Mosimann, Assistant Librarian, Charleston County Library, are members of the committee for which Estellene P. Walker, Director, S. C. State Library Board, is consultant.

#### NO SALES TAX ON BINDINGS

The State Library Board requested from the South Carolina Tax Commission a ruling on the application of the sales tax to bills for rebinding books. The following is the ruling:

"The Tax Commission, in 1952, had promulgated and adopted Rule S-R-220 which defines the binding of books to be a sale of services and not a sale of tangible personal property. This rule provides:

"Persons engaged in the business of binding books, magazines or other printed matter belonging to another, render non-taxable services. Sales of equipment, materials and supplies to bookbinders for use in performing such services are taxable.

"Therefore, there is no tax due on charges made for the binding of books."

#### BRANCH LIBRARY PROPOSED FOR HANAHAN

Mrs. Harold F. Harding has spearheaded a drive to build a branch library to serve the Hanahan community in Berkeley County. Harold F. Harding and Joseph D. Kelly, members of the Hanahan Public Service Commission, have offered a centrally located site for the building, and local contractors have agreed to donate materials and labor for its construction.

Cumming and McCradys, Architects, of Charleston, have made preliminary sketches and will also contribute working specifications free of charge.

The Hanahan Community, with a population of 6,000 has received library service from the Berkeley County bookmobile.

Miss Marie Harvey, chairman of the Berkeley County Library Board, announced that the board will provide the salary of the custodian and books for the proposed branch.

#### MIDWINTER ALA IN WASHINGTON

The annual midwinter meeting of the American Library Association which is usually held in Chicago will convene January 25, 1965, in Washington, D. C.



## HARTSVILLE FRIENDS ELECT OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the Hartsville Friends of the Library, James H. Crouch was elected president succeeding R. A. Hager.

Laura Smith Ebaugh, Adult Education Consultant of the Greenville County Library, was the speaker at the meeting. Miss Ebaugh, whose topic was "New Dimensions of Libraries," spoke on the need for libraries to provide continuing education geared to the modern world where automation is on the increase.

Mrs. Dallas McKown is librarian of the Hartsville Library which recently moved to its new quarters in the renovated post office building.

## CHARLESTON BRANCH LIBRARIAN RETIRES

Mrs. Mae H. Purcell has retired from her position with the Charleston County Library after 28 years of service. Mrs. Purcell began work with the library in November, 1936, and when she retired was Branch Librarian of the Dart Hall Library, a position she had held since April, 1957. Previously she had been in charge of bookmobile service on bookmobile no. 2. Mrs. Purcell taught school for 21 years.

Miss Emily Sanders, librarian of the Charleston County Library, stated that a large part of the credit for improvement of the reading level of county students should go to Mrs. Purcell.

Mrs. Purcell received her degree in library science from North Carolina College at Durham. She is a graduate of Avery Normal Institute, Charleston, S. C., and of Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn. She also studied at Columbia University, at Hampton Institute, at University of Wisconsin, and at Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, Mass.

Miss Rebecca Manigault has succeeded Mrs. Purcell as Branch Librarian of Dart Hall Library. She has completed her course work towards her master's degree in library science at Atlanta University Library School, and is a graduate of Bonds-Wilson High School, Charleston Heights, and of Benedict College, Columbia. For five years she was a teacher of English at Burke High School, Charleston, S. C.

## OF LIBRARIES, LIBRARIANS, AND TRUSTEES

Mrs. Robbie Gross, formerly librarian of North Augusta Branch, has joined the staff of the ABBE Extension Department. Mrs. Gladys Thompson has assumed duties as Branch Librarian at North Augusta.

C. B. Abell, Lowrys, is the new chairman of the Chester County Library Board.



Pickens County Library conducts a daily broadcast, "Stories to Treasure," over radio station WELP, 9:30-9:45 a. m.

Mrs. Alma Sanders has retired after many years of service at the Williston Branch of the ABBE Regional Library. Mrs. Jennie Lou Robinson succeeds Mrs. Sanders.

A collection of illustrated manuscripts including Elizabethan, German, and Scottish music, selections from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer, liturgical designs, and investment illustrations by Nancy Wilds was exhibited at the Aiken County Library. Mrs. Wilds is well known for her decorative and elaborately detailed illumination work.

The Aiken Great Books Discussion Group began its fourth year at the Aiken County Library on October 6, 1964.

Madeleine Mosimann has succeeded Janie Smith as head of the Children's Department of the Charleston County Library. Miss Smith retired in September after 28 years with the library. Prior to her new appointment Miss Mosimann was head of the Extension Department.

The Keowee Club donated a baby stroller to the Greenwood City and County Library. Parents who come with infants are delighted to have something to "contain" baby while they browse. Elizabeth Porcher, Greenwood City and County Librarian, gave a recruiting talk at Greenwood High School on Career Night, October 27.

#### HISTORICAL FILMS AVAILABLE

Two movies showing South Carolina's role in the Revolutionary War battles are now available to clubs, schools and interested organizations from the Palmetto Outdoor Historical Drama Association.

The organization is circulating the films as part of the effort to highlight South Carolina's importance during our country's struggle for freedom.

"The Turning Point" is a black and white documentary film narrated by Macky Quave. Battles at Ninety Six, Cowpens, King's Mountain, and other communities are covered during the 30-minute film.

The second film is a 20-minute color film, "Victory is Won," covering the Revolutionary War from Massachusetts to South Carolina and back to Williamsburg. The film stresses the importance of battles fought in South Carolina. During the war, 137 battles were fought on South Carolina soil, more than in any other state in the Union.

The Palmetto Outdoor Historical Drama Association is an educational non-profit organization. Its purpose is to sponsor an outdoor drama beginning in June, 1965, which will depict feats of heroism displayed by South Carolinians during the Revolutionary War.

Dr. Kermit Hunter, well-known author and playwright, is writing the drama.

Requests should be addressed to the association, 1317 Lady Street, Columbia, S. C., 29201



## EXPLORING

The Children's Service Division of the American Library Association has selected books related to the programs in the Exploring Series which is presented each Saturday on the NBC television network. The following are for the programs November 7-21:

The Port of New York - Nov. 7: I know a City, by Katherine Shippin, Viking; New York City Old and New, by Caroline D. Emerson, Dutton; The Lives and Times of Peter Cooper, by Miriam Gurko, Crowell; Clipper Ships and Captains, by Jane Lyon and Carl Cutler, American Heritage; Donald McKay and the Clipper Ships, by Mary Ellen Chase, Houghton; The Glorious Conspiracy, by Joanne Williamson, Knopf; Fire-fightin' Mose, by Harold Felton, Knopf; The Burl Ives Song Book, by Burl Ives, Ballantine books.

Industry - Nov. 14: Sing in the Dark, by Maud Morgan Thomas, Winston; Vulcan, by Norman Bate, Scribner; These United States and How They Came To Be, by Gertrude Hartman, Macmillan; Everyday Things in American Life, 1776-1876, by William C. Langdon, Scribner; Autobiography of Andrew Carnegie, by Andrew Carnegie, Houghton; Andrew Carnegie and The Age of Steel, by Katharine B. Shippen, Random House; "Joe Magarac and His U.S. A Citizen Paper" in Heroes in American Folklore, by Irwin Shapiro, Messner.

Agriculture - Nov. 21: Little House in the Big Woods, by Laura Ingalls Wilder, Harper, (First in a series of 8 books); Caddie Woodlawn, by Carol Ryrie Brink, Macmillan; Thimble Summer, by Elizabeth Enright, Holt; America Travels, by Alice Dalgliesh, Macmillan; The Erie Canal, by Samuel Hopkins Adams, Random House; The Romance of American Transportation, by Franklin M. Reck, Crowell; Land of Plenty, The American Farm Story, by Wheeler McMillen, Holt; America Sings, collected and told by Carl Carmer, Knopf; Rainbow Book of American Folk Tales and Legends, by Marian Leach, World Publishing; Rootabaga Stories, by Carl Sandburg, Harcourt.

## NEW STAFF MEMBERS AT FLORENCE COUNTY LIBRARY

Mrs. Margaret G. Thompson, Librarian, Florence County Library, has announced the appointment of three new staff members.

L. J. Pourciau, Jr. has been appointed head of reference and technical services at the Florence County Library. Mr. Pourciau received his master's degree from Louisiana State University and was formerly assistant reference librarian at McKissick Memorial Library.

Mrs. Pourciau, the former May Moore, is now head of the extension department. She received her library degree from Louisiana State University under the Scholarship Program of the State Library Board and was on the staff of the Richland County Library until her appointment to the Florence Library.

Mrs. E. V. Altman has been named librarian of the Johnsonville Branch of the Florence County Library.



## APROPOS

Excuse me, but I'm in a hurry,  
Are you the Librarian here?  
I'm looking for something on Milton-  
Or Hilton-or Walton-Oh dear!  
Well, you must know, its the assignment  
For eleventh grade English this week.  
My daughter is taking that course now  
And she's writing some kind of critique,  
So since I was going right by here,  
I thought I would drop in and see  
If you had a book that might help her-  
She must get an A or a B.  
Her father and I are quite worried,  
Just next year she has to apply  
To the college of his and my choice which  
Requires a grade-average that's high,  
But the poor girl has not time to study,  
She has something to do every day,  
You know she's the head baton twirler  
And she's taking both tap and ballet.  
Then her social life, too, is important  
A girl of her age should have fun  
And there's always some party or movie  
Or dance to keep her on the run.  
But she needs a career to fall back on,  
Her father and I just insist  
That she study for some nice profession-  
Maybe lawyer or psychiatrist-  
Oh, look at the time! I must run now,  
My bridge Club is meeting today,  
But do be a dear and find something  
And just sort of hide it away,  
Her father can get it this evening,  
He'll be glad to help out-he agrees  
That parents should always encourage  
Worthwhile research projects like these!

——Aiken Standard and Review, September 23, 1964.

## GUIDE TO CHRISTMAS GIFT BOOKS

The December issue of Good Housekeeping (The Better Way Section) will feature "Good Books For the Young Child's Library," a list compiled by the Children's Services Division of the ALA as a guide to Christmas book-gifts and a sound start for a child's home collection.



YOUR PROBLEMS  
by Anne Library

Dear Anne:

I was not one of those fortunate enough to attend the library meeting in Charleston, and I was horrified when a friend of mine told me that our bookmobile is not supposed to serve schools or that if it did, the schools would have to pay for this service. What in the world will happen to our schools? We've been serving them for 20 years, and the teachers are so grateful and the children enjoy the books so much. The schools have inadequate libraries, and some of the elementary schools have no library books. We're a poor county, and schools don't have money for libraries. And our circulation! We're just about to catch up with our neighboring library because our circulation from the schools has increased so much.

I think standards are all right in some cases but not when they include such stupid regulations.

Bothered—

Dear Bothered:

Don't get so exercised!

Your friends evidently listened with only one ear if she didn't report on the reaction of school people. South Carolina elementary schools are being accredited, and so long as bookmobiles serve schools, the schools will not make an effort to establish libraries. She didn't hear that funds from the National Defense Education Act are available to school libraries, either.

And don't kid yourself—you're not giving school library service. Even third grade children are required to do "research" and how can a bookmobile provide it? School children need a well stocked library with a bookstock geared to the curriculum and with facilities to meet the requirements of students.

Your board should study this problem with representatives of the school and develop a plan of gradual withdrawal of service with a definite terminal date. At the same time plans should be made to improve and extend service to children as a part of the public library's responsibility.

The sooner librarians stop worshipping circulation figures and concentrate on service, the better off they and the library's patrons will be.

Anne



CAROLINIANA

Babcock, Havilah. Jaybirds go to hell on Friday. Holt, Rinehart, and Winston, \$3.95.

Batson, Wade T. Wild flowers in South Carolina. University of South Carolina Press, \$5.00.

Gonzales, Ambrose E. The black border. (Reprint of 1922 edition) State Printing Company, 1305 Sumter Street, Columbia, S. C. \$5.00.

Lofton, John. Insurrection in South Carolina; the turbulent world of Denmark Vesey. Antioch Press, \$6.00.

Rose, Willie Lee. Rehearsal for Reconstruction. Bobbs-Merrill, \$6.50.

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Doors to More Mature Reading: Detailed Notes on Adult Books for Use with Young People. Compiled by a Committee of the Young Adult Services Division, Elinor Walker, Chairman. Publishing Department, American Library Association, Chicago, October, 1964. LC #64-8298. 192 pages. Paper, \$2.50.

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